North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR)

# **Pharmacy Inventory Management User Guide**

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# Purpose



# CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement Requirements- Inventory Management

Unlike how pharmacies utilize NCIR for routine vaccines (where doses are recorded as historical), pharmacies who choose to transition to NCIR to report COVID-19 vaccine administrations are required to manage inventory in NCIR.





# NCIR Usage for Pharmacies: Routine Vaccines Versus COVID-19 Vaccines

# **Routine Vaccines**

- Doses entered historically
- Inventory management (including reporting wastage/expired doses)- Not Required

# **COVID-19 Vaccines**

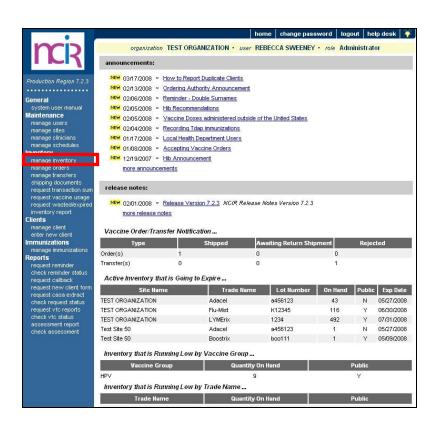
- Doses entered using active inventory
- Inventory management-Required

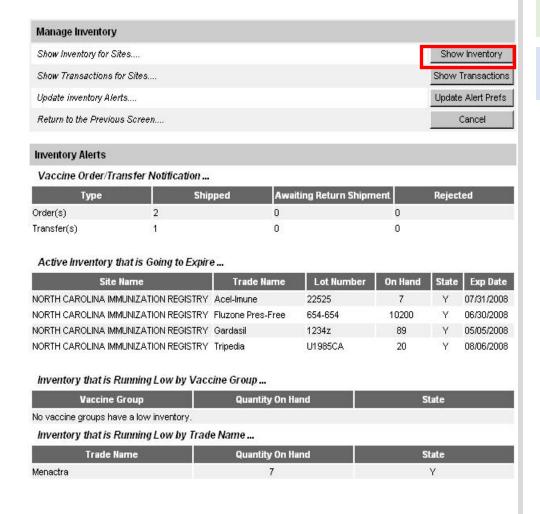
# Manage Inventory



## **Step 1 of 2: Navigate to Inventory**

- 1. On the homepage, click Manage Inventory
- 2. On the Manage Inventory page, click **Show Inventory**





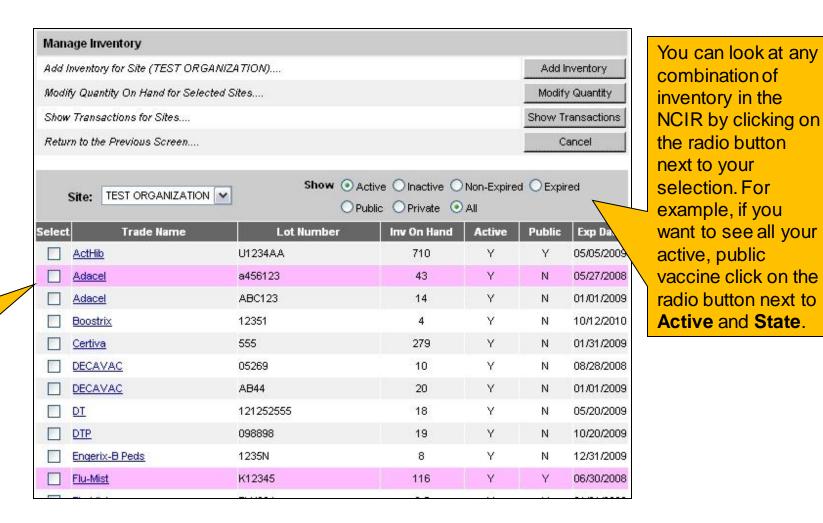
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# **Step 2 of 2: Manage Inventory**

From this screen you can add inventory, modify quantity, and show transactions for your inventory



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Vaccine's that will expire in less than 120 days will be highlighted in pink.



# Manage Vaccine Orders



# **Steps to Order COVID-19 Vaccine**



# **Step 1 of 4: Navigate to Allocation Request Form**

All COVID-19 vaccine is currently ordered outside of NCIR. Providers need to submit requests via the Allocation Request Form, available here:

https://surveymax.dhhs.state.nc.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=98MI76m3#





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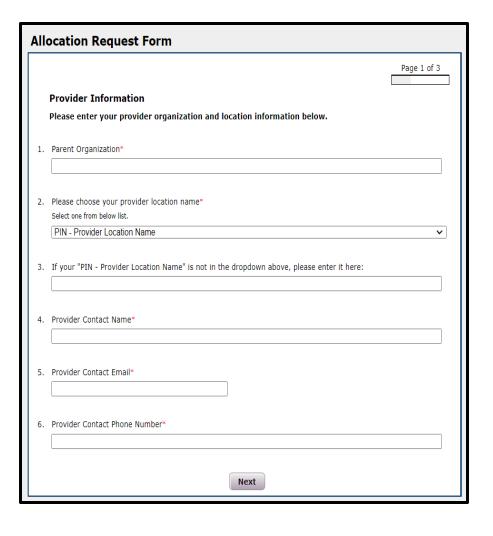
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# **Step 2 of 4: Complete Provider Information**

Fill out provider information and location information



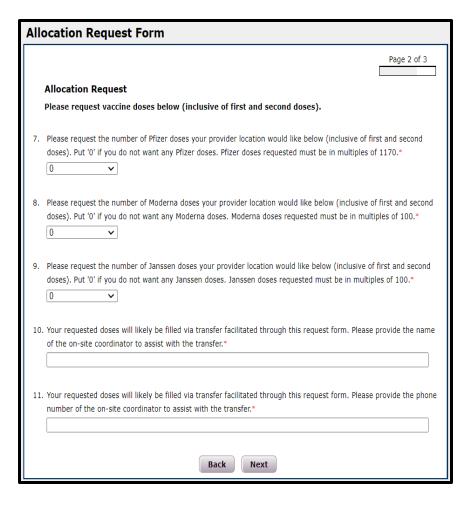


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# **Step 3 of 4: Complete Allocation Information**

#### Complete allocation request information



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# **Step 4 of 4: Complete Form**

Complete form by selecting **Yes** to the final statements and clicking **Done** 





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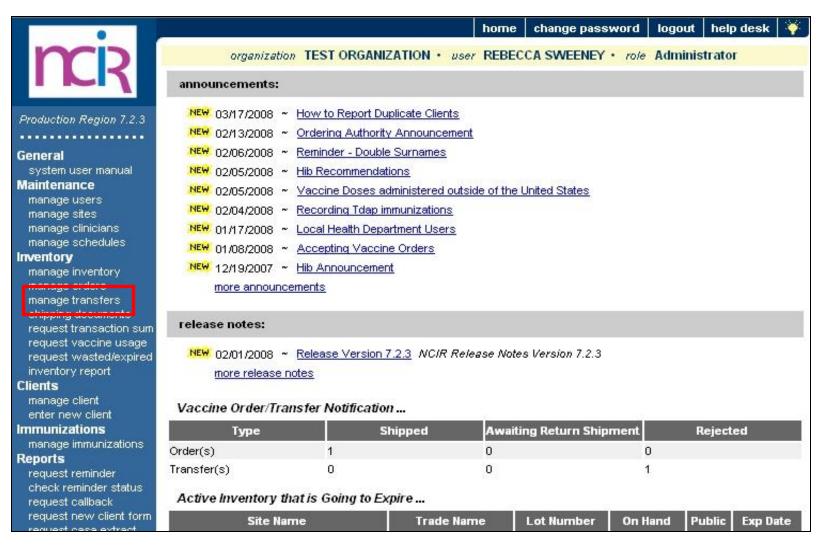


# Steps for Accepting State-Supplied Orders



# **Step 1 of 4: Navigate to Manage Transfers**

#### Click on **Manage Transfers**.



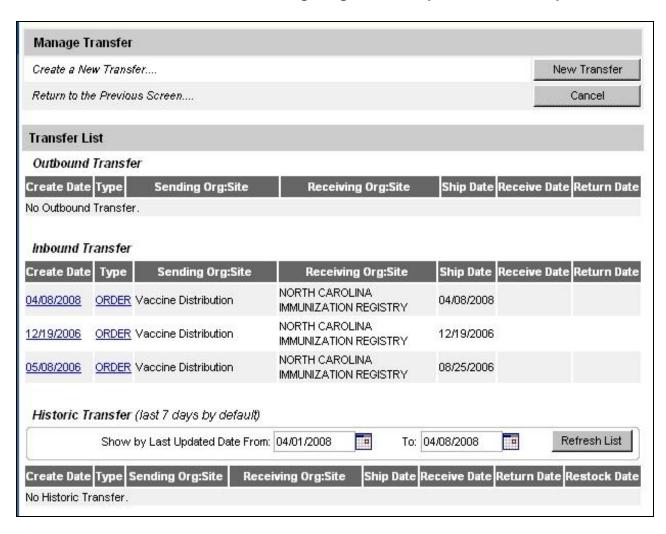
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## **Step 2 of 4: Navigate to Your Order**

- Find your order under the Inbound Transfers.
- 2. Click on the **Create Date** in blue. This is going to take you to where you can view your order.





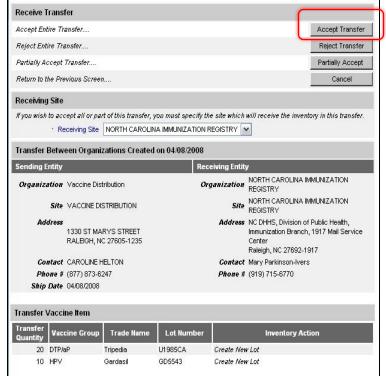
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## **Step 3 of 4: Accept Transfer**

- 1. You will see your order at the bottom of the screen. You must verify that these lot numbers and amounts match what you have on your invoice from the vaccine shipping box. If they do not match, please call the Help Desk at 877-873-6247
- 2. Accept the transfer and it will be loaded into your inventory. Before you reject or partially accept your transfer you must call the Help Desk for assistance.
- 3. If your invoice matches the NCIR order then you can accept it straight into your inventory by clicking **Accept Transfer**.
- 4. When you click Accept Transfer, you will see a pop up message like below.
- 5. Click **OK**







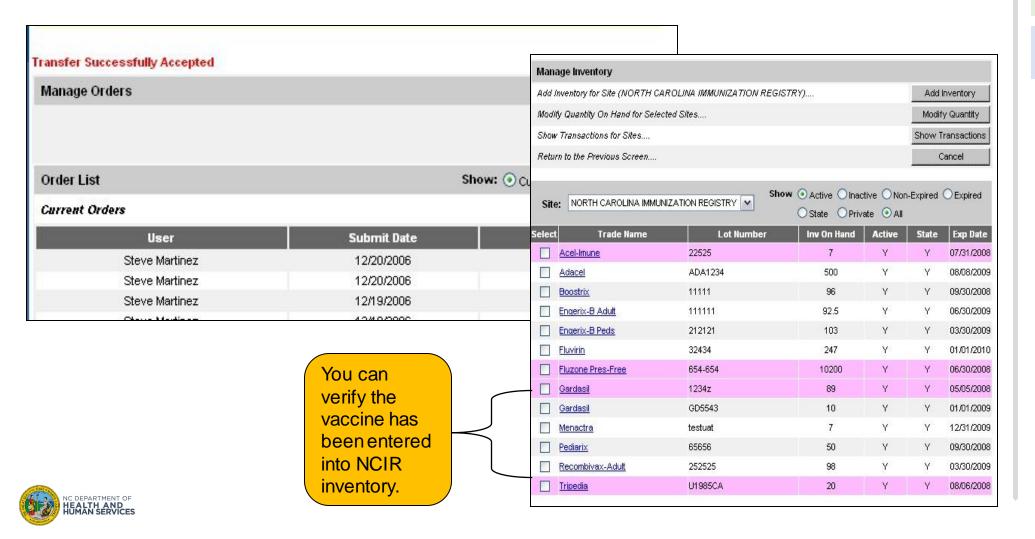
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# **Step 4 of 4: Review**

When you have successfully added your order into your NCIR inventory, then you will see the message below in **red**. You can double check to make sure your inventory is in the NCIR by going back to **Manage Inventory** and then clicking **Show Inventory**.



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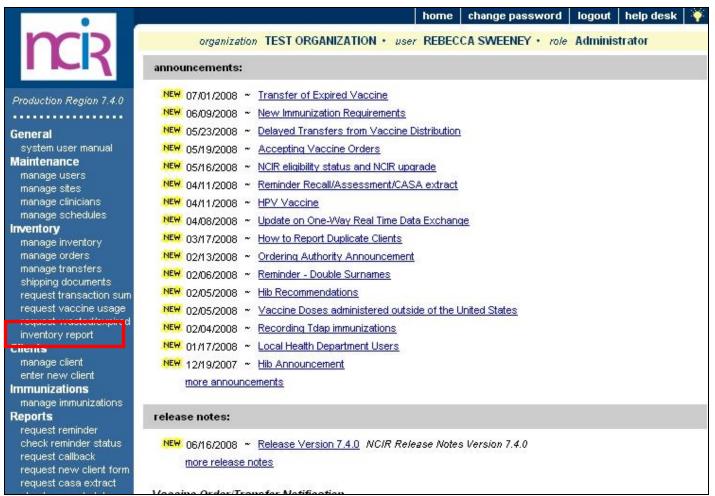
# Steps to Run an Inventory Reconciliation Report



# **Step 1 of 3: Navigate to Inventory Report**

An inventory reconciliation report will show you what the NCIR says you have in your inventory and give you room to write your actual count from your refrigerator so that you can begin to balance your inventory.

1. From the homepage, click **Inventory Report**.



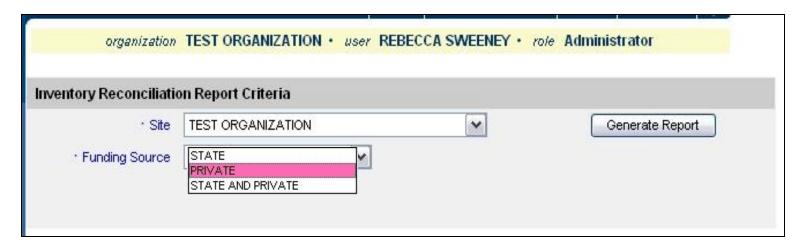


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## **Step 2 of 3: Select Criteria**

- Choose your Site.
- Choose your Funding Source.
- Click Generate Report when finished.



- Once you click on Inventory Report, you have the choice of what you want to appear in the report itself.
- Make sure that if your organization has multiple sites that you have the correct site selected or you can run the report for all the sites in a single organization.
- You can run the report for all private, all state supplied or both.
- These options give you a wider variety of ways to keep your inventory balanced.



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# **Step 3 of 3: Generate Report**

Report Date: 07/01/2008

Inventory Reconciliation Report / Worksheet

**TEST ORGANIZATION** 

Funding Source	Vaccine Group	Trade Name	Lot Number	Expiration Date	NCIR Reported Doses On Hand	Actual Count of Doses On Hand
Private	Anthrax	Anthrax	FDD70019 Private	01/01/2010	98	E:
Private	DTP/aP	Certiva	555	01/31/2009	274	5
Private	DTP/aP	DT	121252555	05/20/2009	18	E:
Private	DTP/aP	DTP	098898	10/20/2009	19	ν.
Private	DTP/aP	Pediarix	ABC234	01/01/2009	19	s-
Private	DTP/aP	Pediarix	UA2345AA	01/30/2010	20	ë-
Private	НерА	Havrix-Adult	8585	11/11/2009	44	
State	НерВ	Recombivax-Adult	REC23	01/01/2009	4	
State	Hib	ActHib	U1234AA	05/05/2009	702	-
State	Hib	PedvaxHIB	0259U	10/17/2009	1	8.
State	Influenza	Flu-Mist	FLU234	01/01/2009	6.5	-

Once you have counted the actual vaccine in your fridge and you compare it to what the NCIR says you have on hand, both columns should match. If they do not you need to run down the list of possible inventory discrepancies. (see next slide)



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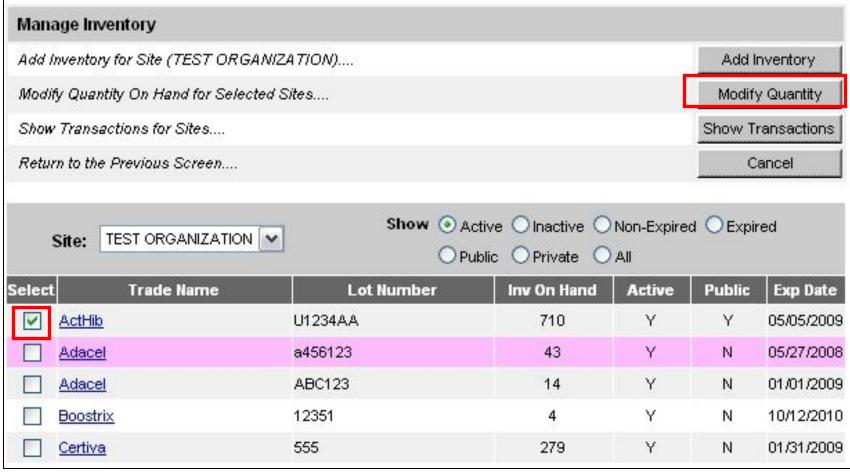
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# Steps for Modifying Quantity



## **Step 1 of 2: Modify Quantity**

- 1. Click in the box next to the **Trade Name** in blue until the green check appears.
- 2. Click **Modify Quantity**



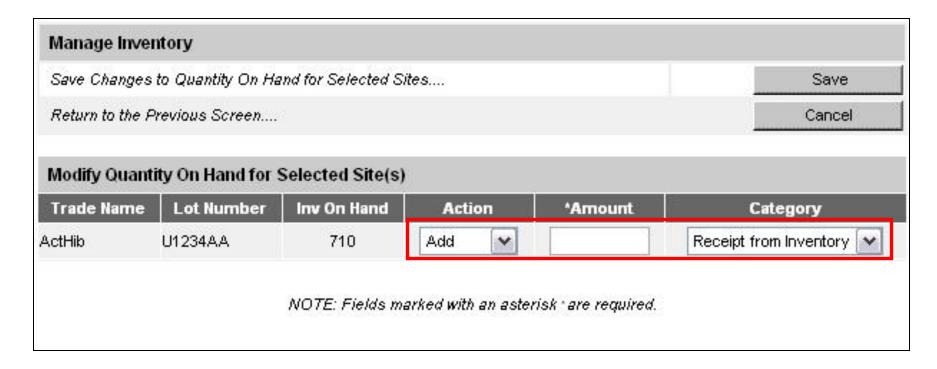
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# **Step 2 of 2: Modify Quantity**

- 1. Choose the **Action** from the drop down box. Either **Add** or **Subtract.**
- 2. Enter the **Amount** in doses that is being modified.
- 3. Choose the reason under the **Category** drop down box.



This screen will allow you to modify the quantity of as many vaccines as you choose on the previous screen. It is good to use this option if you have several lot numbers to edit.



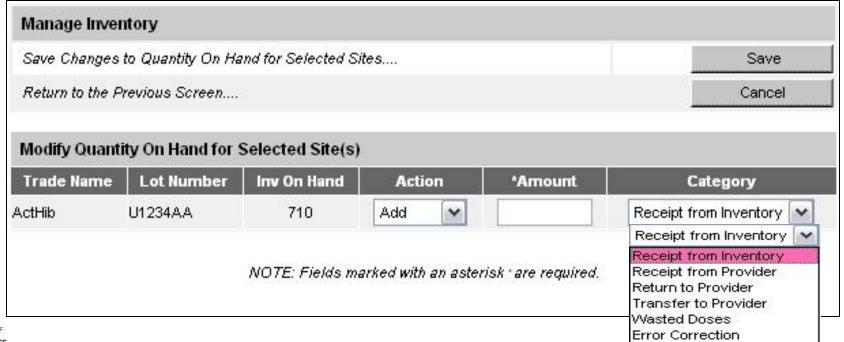
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# **Most Common Reasons to Modify Quantity**

**Wasted Doses**: Select this option if there was any vaccine waste for a particular lot. When you select the Wasted Doses category, you will be required to enter the following:

**Error Correction**: Select this option if you have made any errors in entry to your private stock of vaccine. For example you entered 100 instead of 10 for the quantity. You will also be required to enter a reason for error correcting. \*\*Before you error correct any state supplied vaccines, you should call the NC Vaccines Help Desk, 1-877-873-6247, so that you may be guided in how to find errors before changing quantities in vaccine lots.





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## **Error Correction**

#### When to Use Error Correction

- Use this category when adding to or subtracting from inventory doses that were keyed or documented incorrectly
  - i.e. if 100 is entered instead of 10

## When NOT to Use Error Correction

- If inventory is expired
- If a storage and handling issue caused the dose to be unusable
- If the vaccine is pre-drawn and not used

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### **Avoid Documentation Errors**

- Enter all immunizations administered into the NCIR as soon as possible
- Only enter immunizations administered by you, under your username
- Document all doses that have been administered, transferred, wasted and/or expired in the NCIR

### **In Summary**

- Error Correction should be used infrequently
- Use best practices to maintain vaccine inventory correctly in the NCIR
- If you are unable to reconcile your inventory, error correction should be your last option

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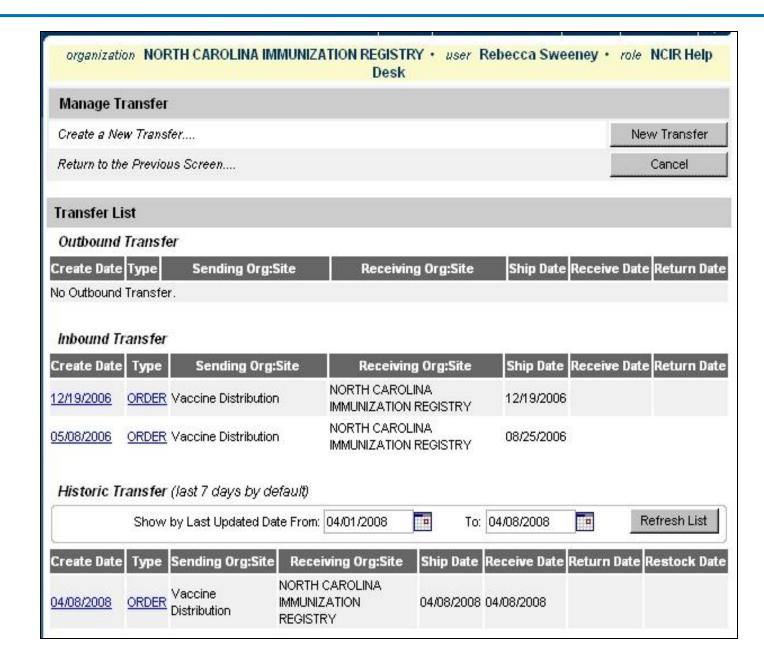
# **Manage Transfers**



# **Different Types of Transfers**



#### **Definitions**





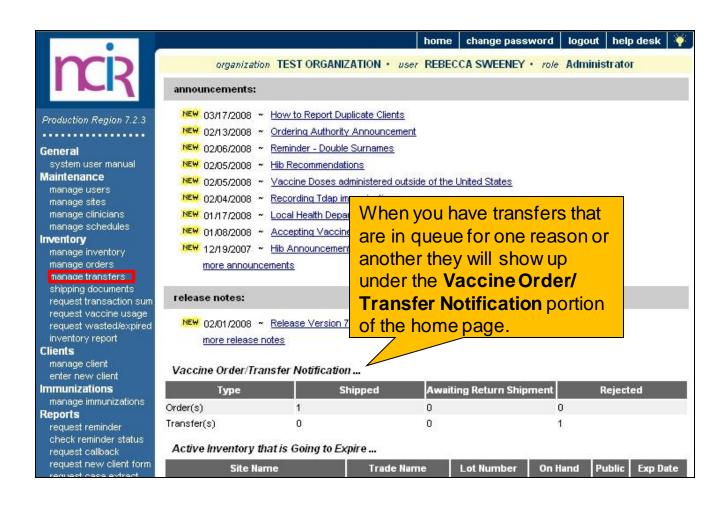
# **Outbound Transfers to NCIR Users**



## **Step 1 of 6: Navigate homepage**

You can view any pending Inbound or Outbound transfers in the NCIR under the **Vaccine Order / Transfer Notification** portion of the Home Page. In addition to the **Manage Transfer** Screen.

1. Click Manage Transfer





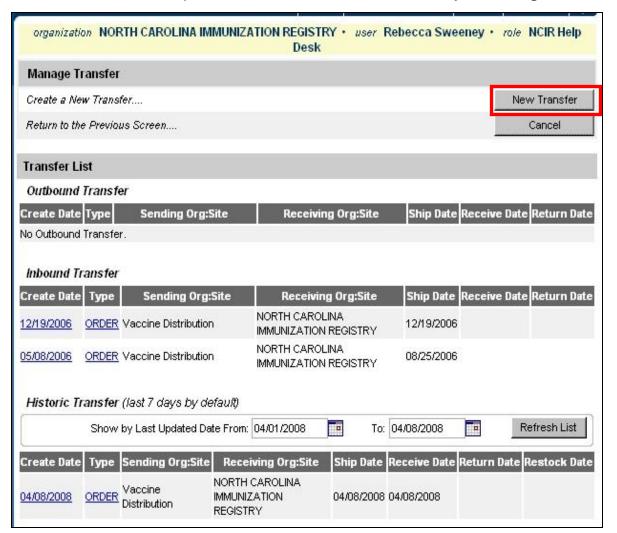
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## **Step 2 of 6: Navigate to New Transfer**

Using the Manage Transfer function leaves an electronic trail from your facility to NCIP facility that you are physically transferring vaccine to.

1. To transfer vaccine to another provider on the NCIR, start by clicking **New Transfer**.





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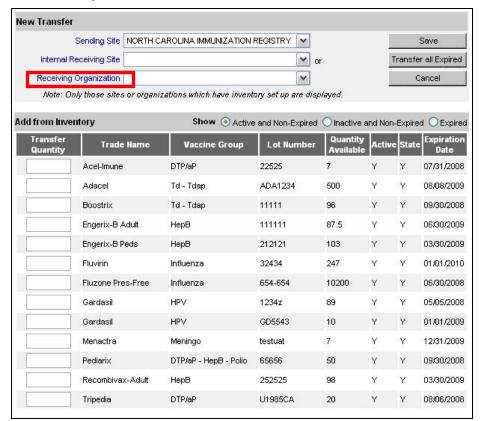
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## **Step 3 of 6: Complete Transfer Information**

- 1. Choose your **Receiving Organization** as the facility that you are transferring vaccine to (NCIR only).
- 2. You can choose to transfer active and inactive vaccine to another provider. Click on the **OK** radio button next to your choice.
- 3. Enter the **Transfer Quantity** in the box next to the vaccine you are wanting to transfer. Remember to enter the amount in doses.
- 4. Click **Save** when you are ready to finish the transfer.



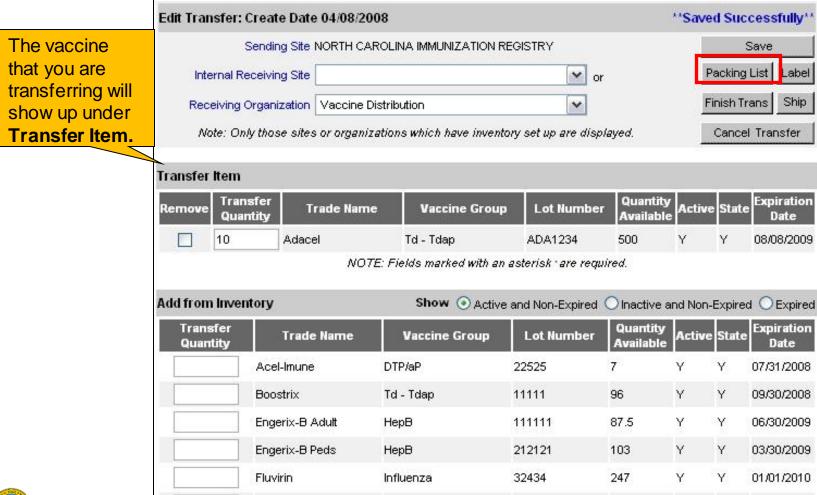


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# **Step 4 of 6: Navigate to Packing List**

In order to finish this transfer, you must view or print the Packing List or Label. You will not be able to complete the transaction without doing this step. Click **Packing List**.



You should see this message "Saved Successfully"

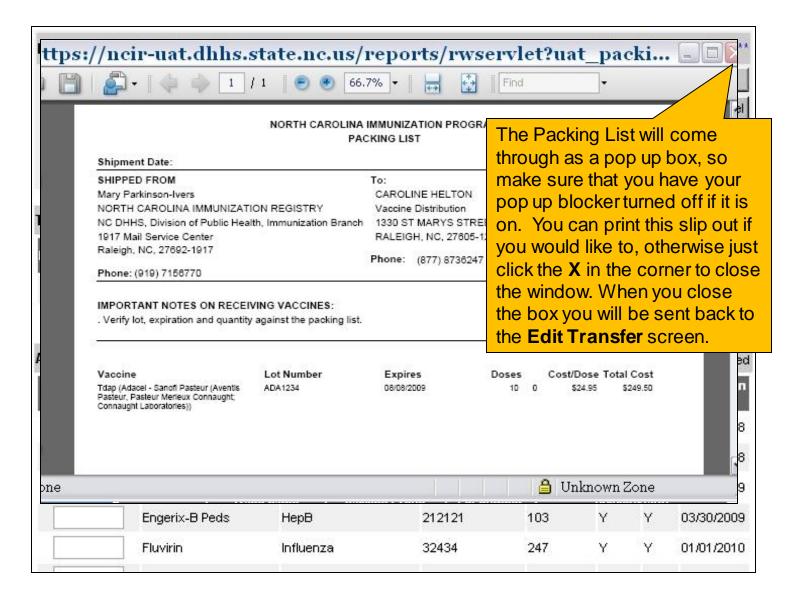
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## **Step 5 of 6: Complete Transaction**

Once back to the **Edit Transfer** screen, click **Ship** twice to complete transaction.



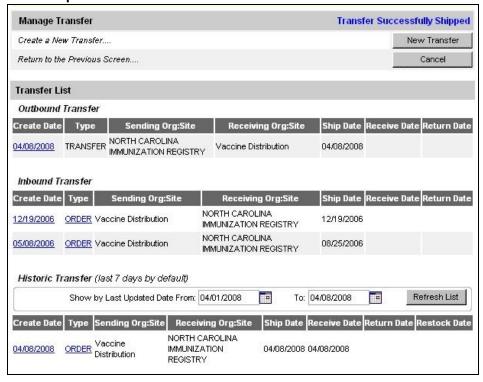


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## **Step 6 of 6: Check Transaction Details**

If the transfer was completed, you will see the message in blue Transfer Successfully Shipped and the transfer will show up under Outbound Transfer.



#### Note:

- If a "Ship Date" does not appear on the Outbound Transfer, then the transfer was not finished.
- If the date of transfer is different than the current date shown, then type the correct date in the box next to "Enter Ship Date".
- Once the Transfer is completed, the vaccine is immediately removed from the Sender's NCIR
  inventory and ready to Accept into the Receiver's inventory.

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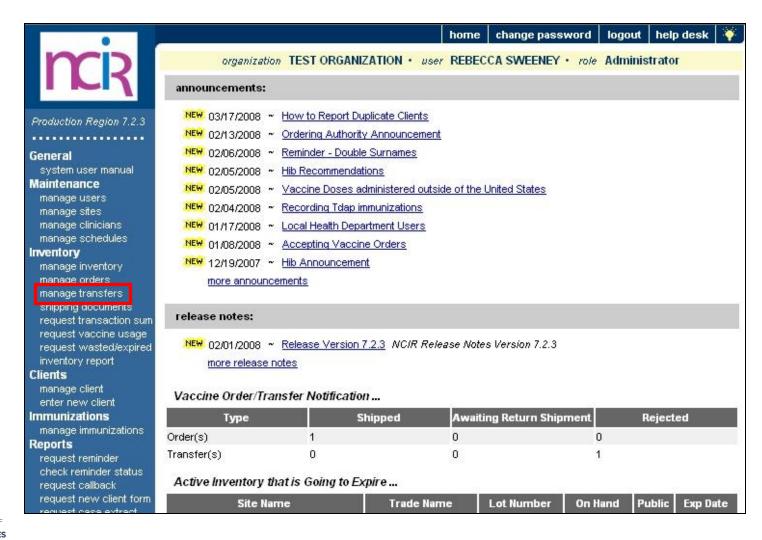
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## **Inbound Transfers**



## **Step 1 of 3: Navigate homepage**

Click **Manage Transfers** and pending inbound transfers can be seen under the Inbound Transfer heading.



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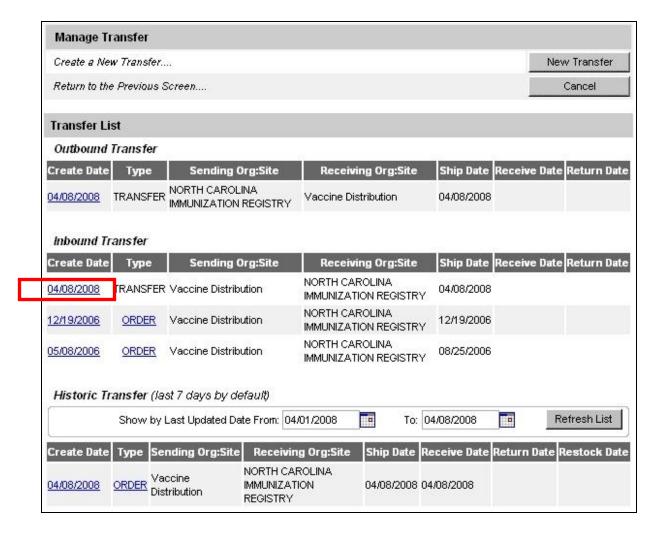
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## **Step 2 of 3: Find Transfer**

Inbound Transfers can be state supplied vaccine orders or transfers from another provider. The process of accepting these inbound transfers is the same, no matter the type.

Find your transfer and click on the **Create Date** link in blue.



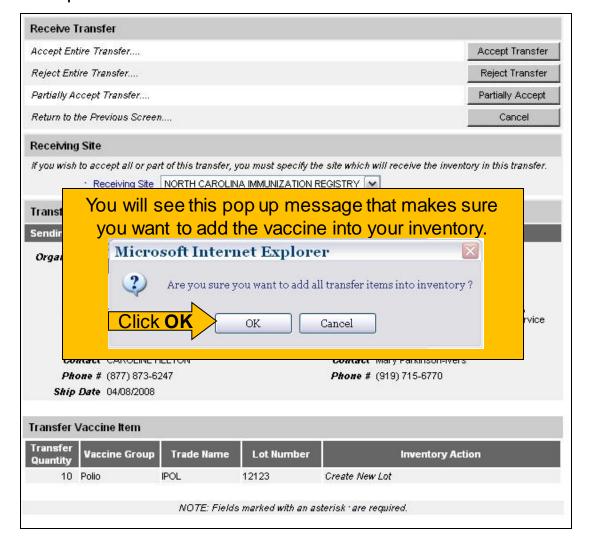


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## **Step 3 of 3: Accept Transfer**

To accept this transfer into your inventory, click on **Accept Transfer**. You should only accept your transfer after you have verified lot number, expiration date, and amount shipped. If your invoice matches the NCIR then accept.





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# COVID-19 Vaccine Transfers between NCIR and CVMS



## **Transferring COVID-19 Doses between NCIR and CVMS**

**NOTE**: Cross-system transfers are **not currently supported**.

If you have any questions, please contact the NC Vaccines Help Desk by calling 1-877-873-6247 or by submitting a ticket via the <a href="Immunization Inquiry Form">Immunization Inquiry Form</a>

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## **Adding New Users**



## **Step 1 of 6: Navigate to Manage Users**

Select Manage Users from the left-side menu.

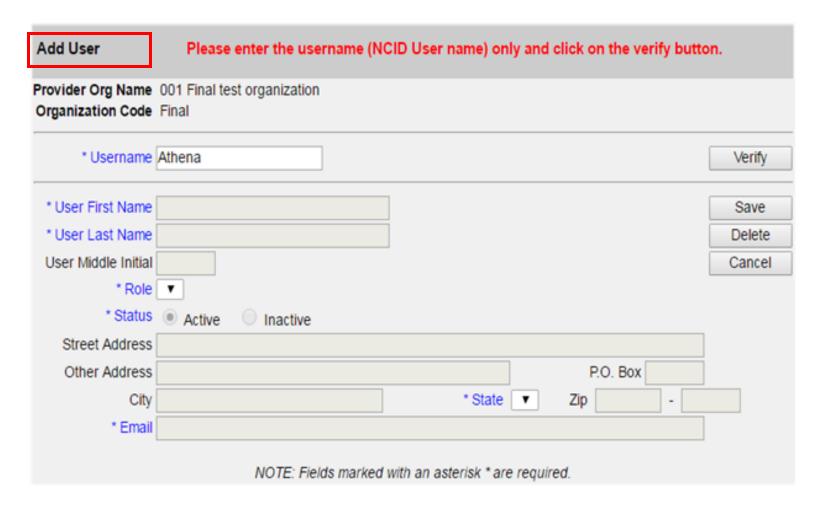
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manage physicians
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manage clinicians
awstats
manage schedules
mass vax definition
mass vax visibility
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## **Step 2 of 6: Navigate to Add User Section**

Click Add User.







## **Step 3 of 6: Enter Username**

Type in the Username.



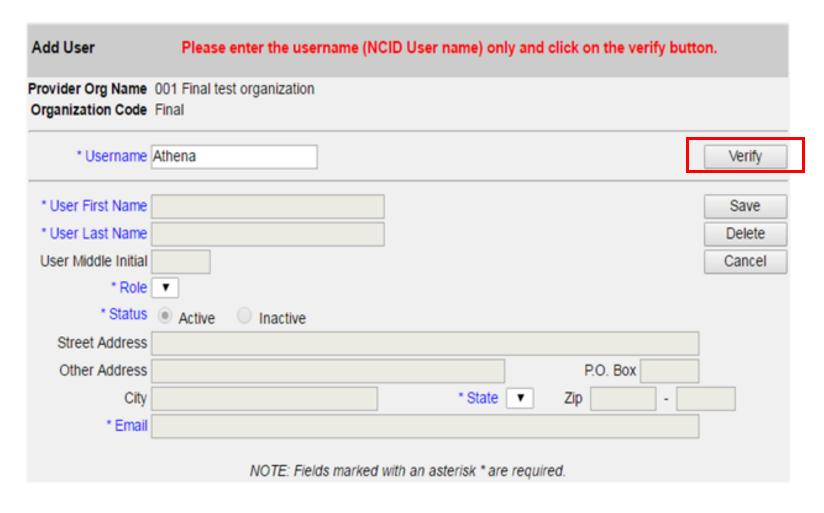
**Note**: Usernames can be obtained by clicking "Register" on the NCIR log in page.



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## **Step 4 of 6: Verify**

### Click Verify.

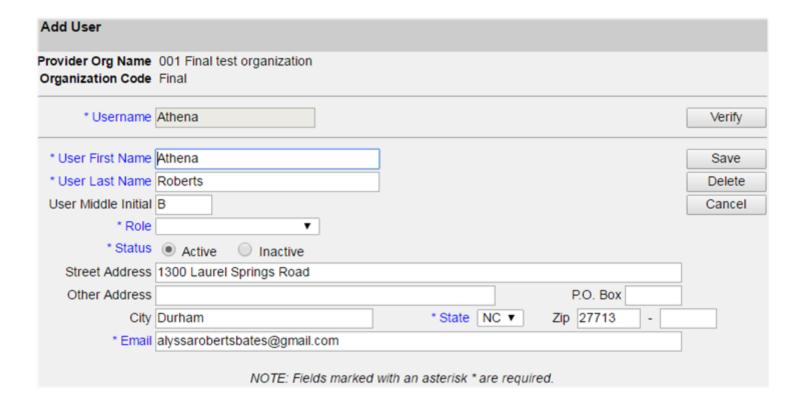


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## **Step 5 of 6: Confirm Information**

The system will retrieve the user's personal information. Confirm that the information is correct

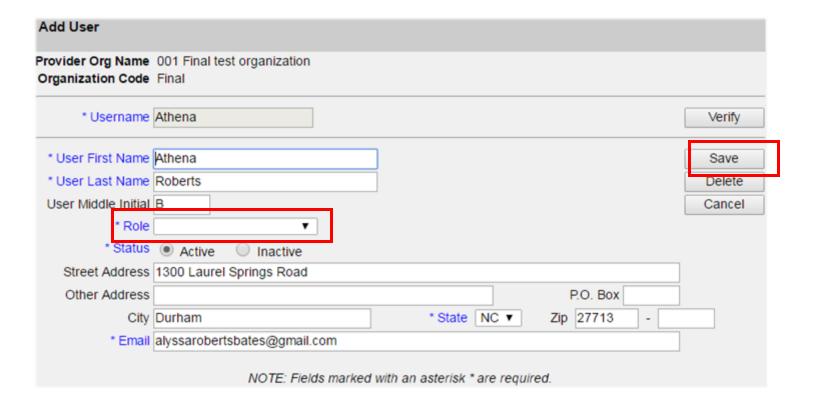






## **Step 6 of 6: Assign Role**

Choose the appropriate user **Role**. Click **Save**.



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1. You cannot add a user who registered for an 'individual account' type. You will receive this error message:

#### Validation Errors

Users who registered for an individual account type cannot be added. Only business, local or state
government user types can be added. Please have the user reregister through NCID to create a user id with
the appropriate user type.

The user must re-register for a new account with NCID and select 'Business Account' type (\*not applicable to LHDs).





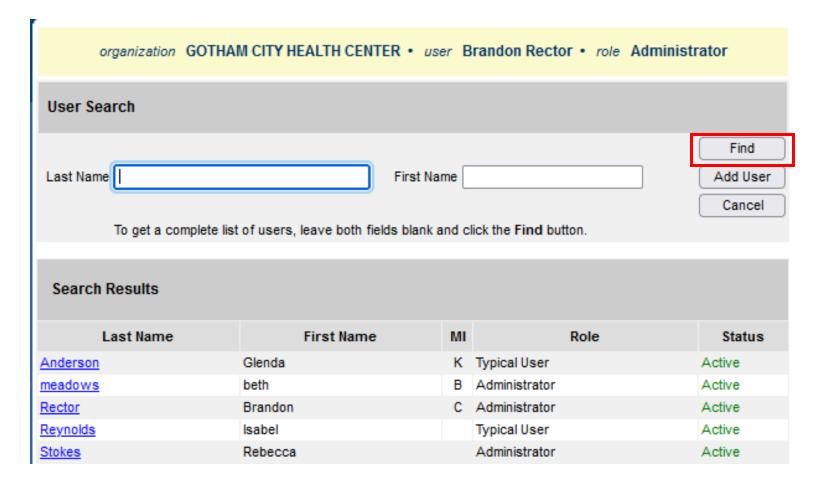
2. If the user has not registered correctly, has not activated their account through the email link from NCID, or if the user ID you entered was incorrect, you will get an error message.

#### Validation Errors

Cannot add this user. This user is not defined in NCID.

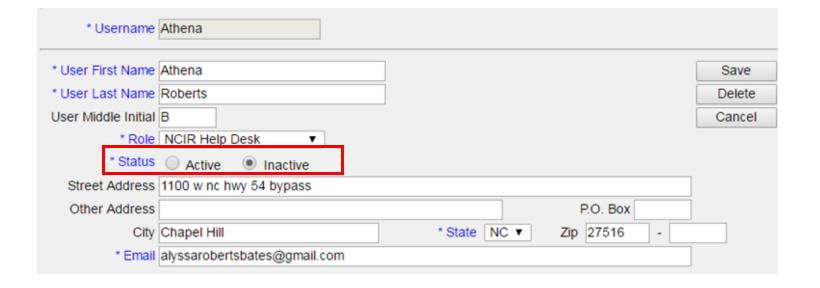


3. Click **Find** with no names in the fields to see your full list of users.





4. To inactivate, change the **Status** by clicking the 'Inactive' button.





## **Managing Clinicians**



## **Managing Clinicians**

- Clinician information is used to indicate the individuals who ordered and administered an immunization (i.e. Ordering Authority and Administered By).
- Clinician information is required when documenting new immunizations.

Defaults for new immuni	zations	
Organization Site	Alyssa Test Organization	•
Ordering Authority	Newest, Staff	•
Administered By	FakeClinician, FirstName	,
Date Administered		Activate Expired

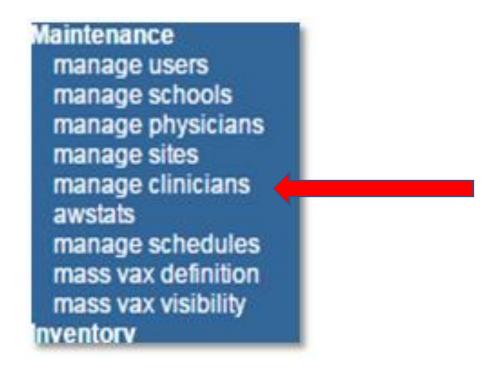


## Steps for Adding a Clinician



## **Step 1 of 4: Navigate to Manage Clinicians**

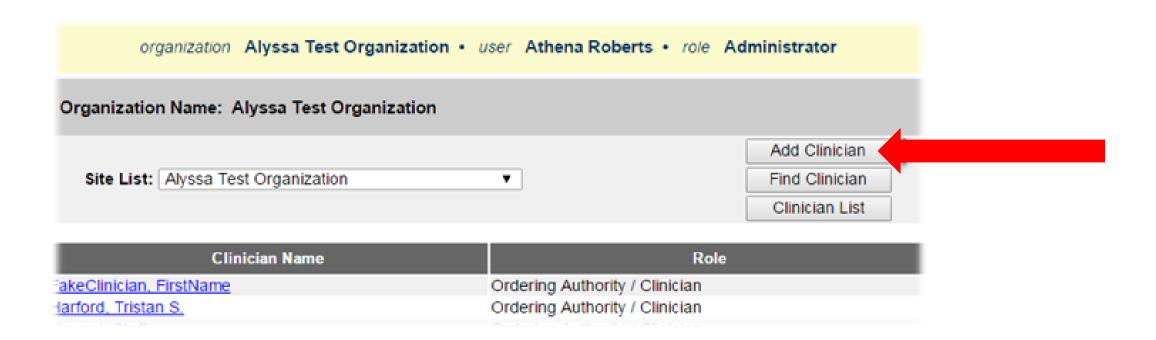
Select Manage Clinicians from the menu on the left-side panel.





## Step 2 of 4: Navigate to Add Clinician Screen

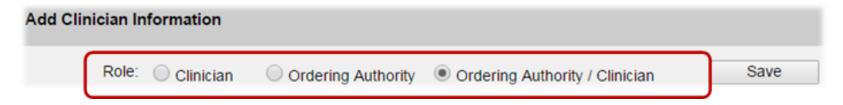
Select Add Clinician.



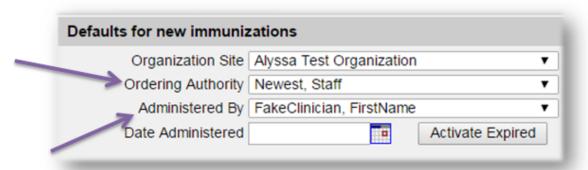


## **Step 3 of 4: Enter Role and Credentials**

#### Select a Role and Credentials



- **Clinician**: An individual who physically immunizes clients (their name will be an option in the 'Administered By' pick list when documenting a new immunization)
- Ordering Authority is a MD, DO, PA, NP who signs standing orders for patients to receive vaccines (their name will be an option in the 'Ordering Authority' pick list when documenting a new immunization)
- Ordering Authority/Clinician is an individual with both of the above roles (their name will be an option in both pick lists when documenting a new immunization)





## **Step 3 of 4: Enter Role and Credentials**

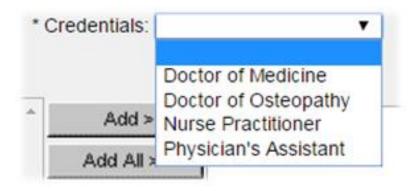
#### Select a Role and Credentials

#### 'Clinician' credentials



Clinicians can be anyone in the organization who physically gives shots.

'Ordering Authority' and 'Clinician / Ordering Authority' credentials

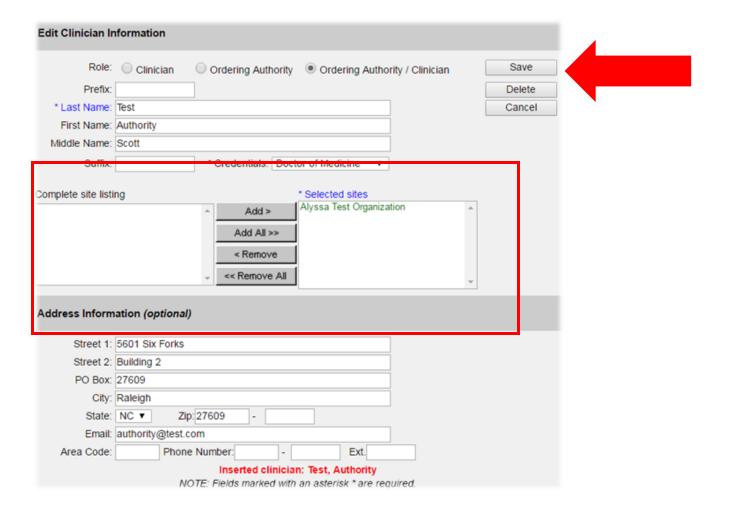


An Ordering Authority is an individual who is licensed by the state of North Carolina to authorize the giving of immunizations to a client.



## **Step 4 of 4: Add the Clinician**

Fill out all required information. Be certain to move your site to "Selected Sites." Then click Save.





## Reporting and Returning Expired Vaccine

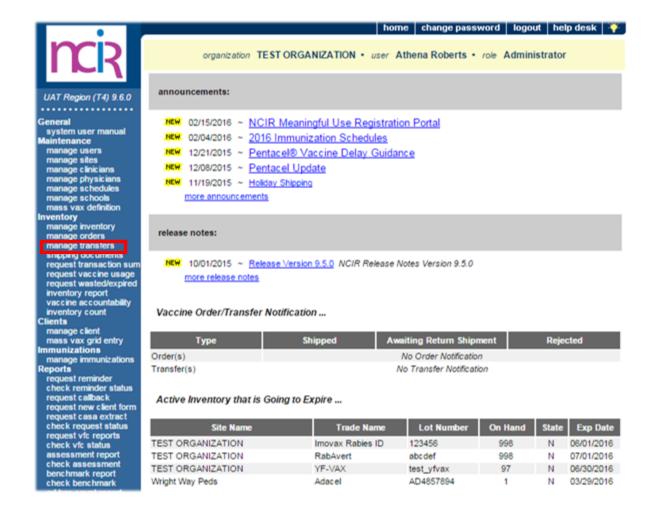


## Steps to Document Expired Vaccine



### Step 1 of 5: Count Expired Vaccines and Navigate to Transfers Page

- 1. It's a good idea to count your expired vaccines before you begin the process to document them in the NCIR. This helps ensure that the physical count of vaccines matches what the NCIR reports your facility as having on hand.
- 2. Click Manage Transfers

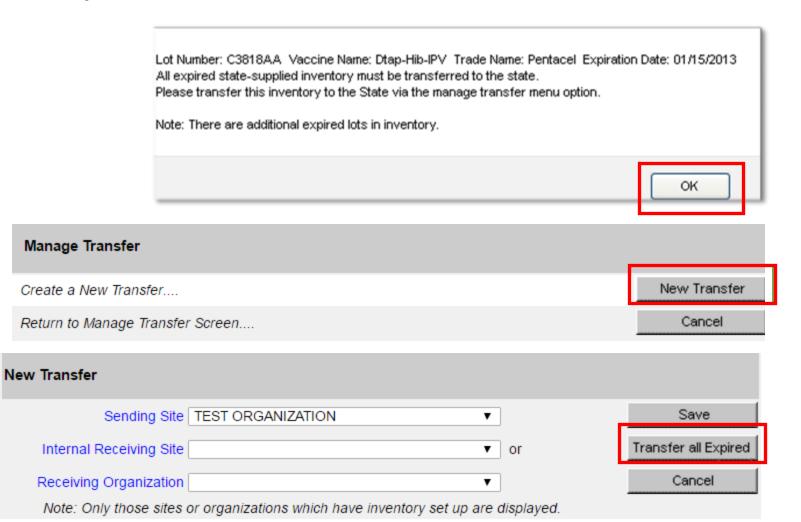


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### **Step 2 of 5: Create New Transfer**

- 1. You should get a pop-up for the expired vaccine. Click **OK**.
- Click New Transfer.
- 3. Click Transfer All Expired.

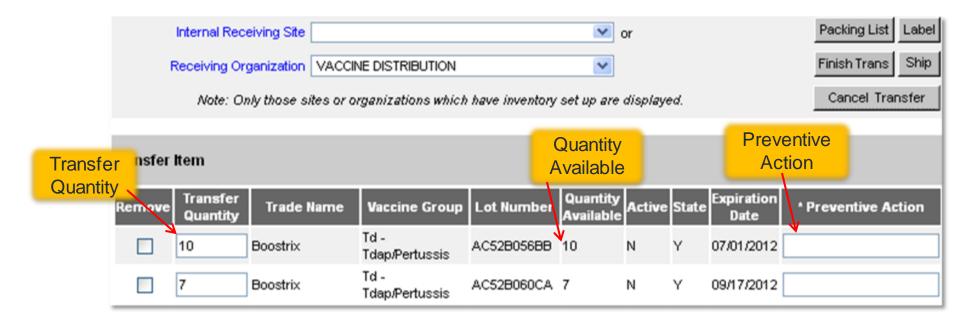






## **Step 3 of 5: Enter Expired Dose Quantity**

- 1. In the **Transfer Quantity** box, enter the number of doses that you are PHYSICALLY sending back. Make sure this number matches EXACTLY what the NCIR says you have (Quantity Available).
- 2. If it matches, move to the next step.
- 3. If the numbers DO NOT match call the Help Desk at 877-873-6247 and ask them to remove the excess doses from your inventory
- 4. Enter a **Preventive Action** (e.g. "Use before expires").

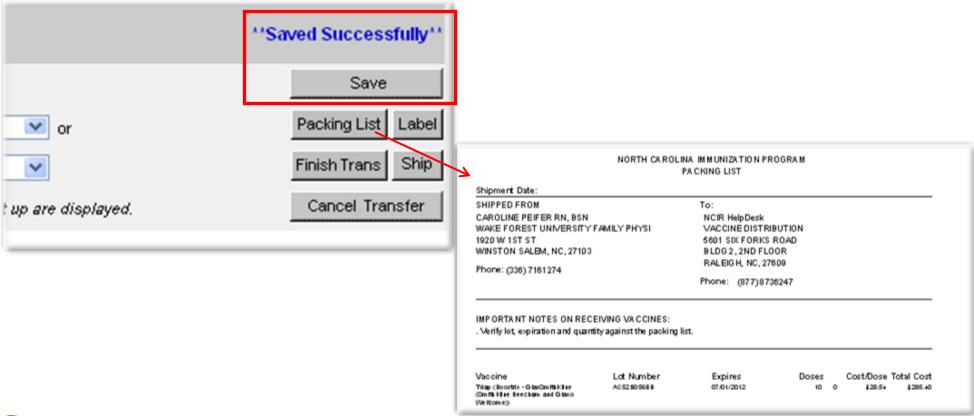


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## **Step 4 of 5: Print Packing List (Non-COVID-19 Vaccine)**

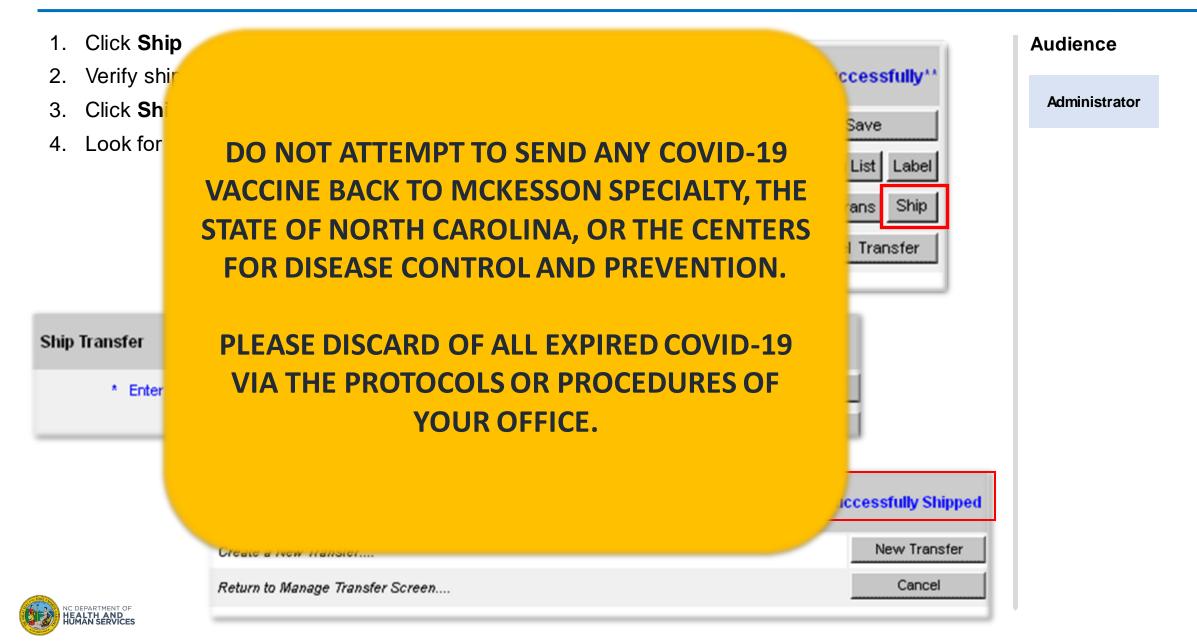
- Click Save (and make sure you see the blue "Saved Successfully" message).
- Click Packing List.
- 3. Print the Packing List. You MUST do this in order to finish the transfer. (This will popup in a separate window, if you have your popup blocker on, click **Allow**).







## **Step 5 of 5: Ship Transfer (Non-COVID-19 Vaccine)**



## Reporting Wasted Vaccine

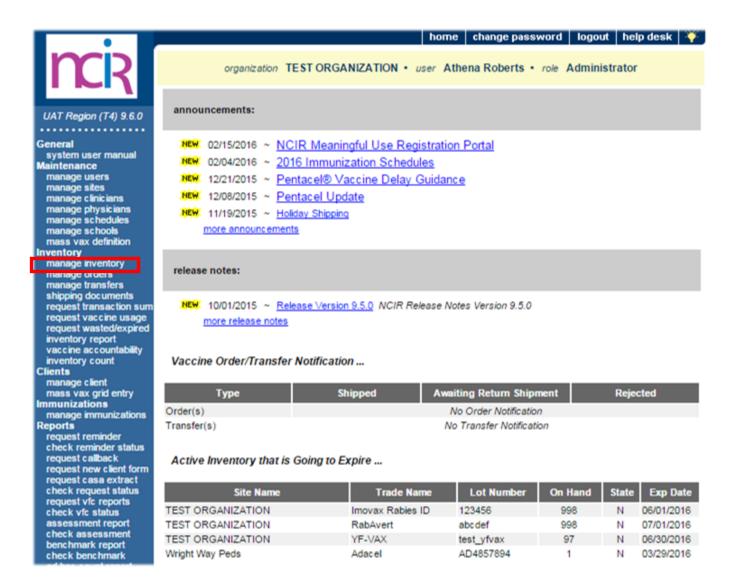


# Steps to Document Wasted or Spoiled COVID-19 Vaccine



### **Step 1 of 5: Navigate to Inventory Page**

### From the homepage, click Manage Inventory



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# **Step 2 of 5: Navigate to Inventory**

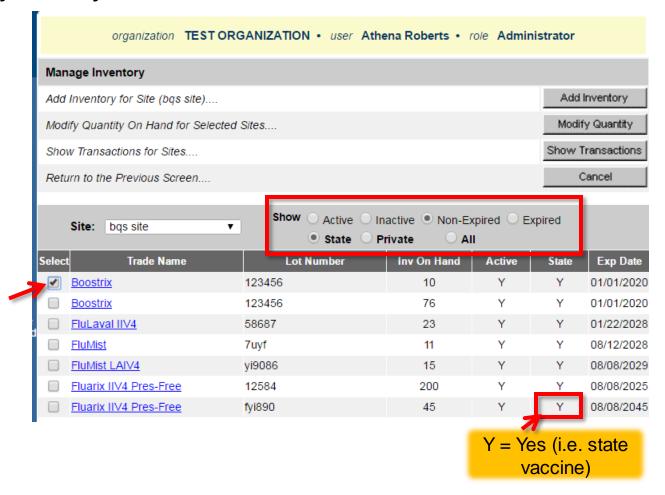
Click **Show Inventory.** Deal Manage Inventory UAT Region 7.2.3 Show Inventory Show Inventory for Sites.... **Show Transactions** Show Transactions for Sites .... System Monitoring Update Alert Prefs manage exceptions Update inventory Alerts.... check report status Return to the Previous Screen.... Cancel show users General system user manual **Inventory Alerts** Organizations switch organizations Vaccine Order/Transfer Notification ... manage organizations





### **Step 3 of 5: Select the Correct Vaccine**

- 1. Click on the **State** or **Private** radio button to display only state or private vaccine.
- Find each Trade Name and Lot Number for the vaccine that was wasted.
- 3. Click the **Select** box next to the vaccine so the check appears.
- 4. Click **Modify Quantity**.

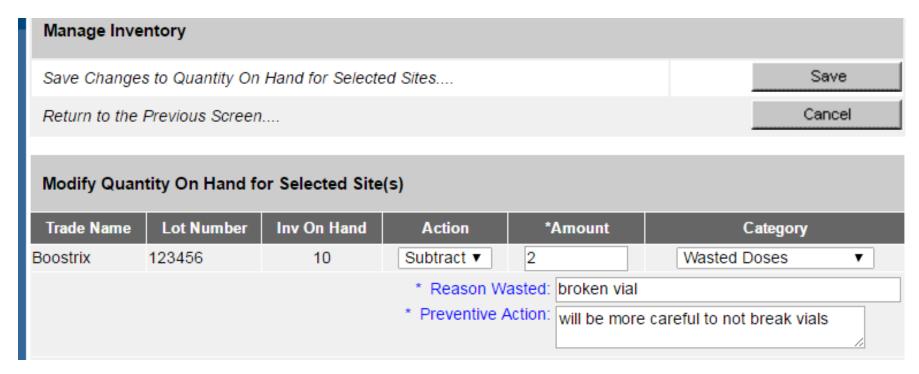






### **Step 4 of 5: Enter Wasted Dose Quantity**

- 1. In the Modify Quantity On Hand section, choose 'Subtract' from the Action drop down list.
- Enter the number of doses wasted in the Amount column.
- 3. Choose 'Wasted Doses' from the Category drop down box.
- 4. This brings up the **Reason Wasted** and **Preventive Action** boxes. Document what happened to the vaccine and how it can be prevented. Both of these boxes are required.
- 5. Click **Save**.







### **Reasons for Wastage**

The following reasons may be recorded in the provided text box when using "Wasted Doses" in the Modify Quantity function to waste COVID-19 vaccine.

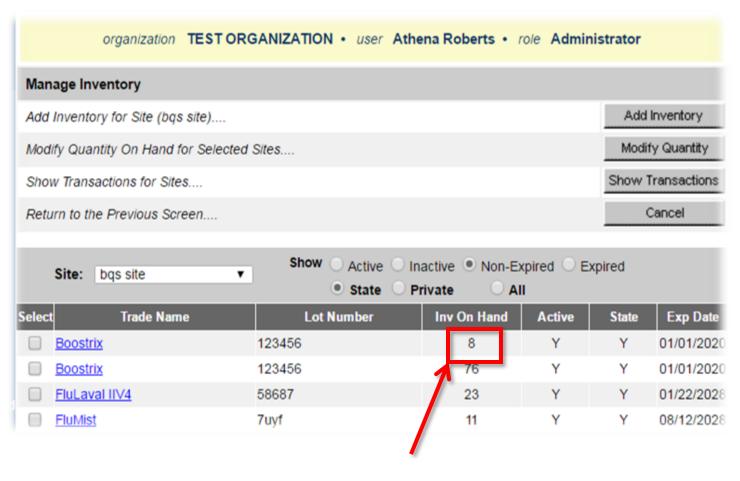
- Broken Vial/Syringe
- Expired Vaccine
- Failure to store properly upon receipt
- Lost or unaccounted for vaccine
- Mechanical failure Natural disaster/Power outage
- Open vial but all doses not administered
- Recall
- Storage Unit too cold
- Storage Unit too warm
- Vaccine drawn into syringe but not administered
- Vaccine spoiled in transit (Freezer/Warm)
- Insufficient Quantity Pfizer (5 doses obtain from vial, expected 6)
- Insufficient Quantity Janssen (4 doses obtain from vial, expected 5)
- Insufficient Quantity Moderna (13 doses obtain from vial, expected 14)

#### **Audience**



### **Step 5 of 5: Review Inventory**

You are redirected back to the **Show Inventory** screen, where you can check to see that the dose(s) were subtracted.







# **New vs. Historical Immunizations**



# **New vs. Historical Immunizations (1 of 2)**

Immunizations are documented as "new" or "historical" depending on whether or not they were given using inventory managed in the NCIR.

Inventory managed in the NCIR: Inventory that has been added (i.e. Lot Number, NDC, Quantity on Hand) in the NCIR and is being tracked in the NCIR. To view NCIR-managed inventory, click Manage Inventory and then Show Inventory.

- If the dose IS from NCIR-managed inventory, document as a New Immunization Entry.
- If the dose is NOT from NCIR-managed inventory, document as a Historical Immunization.





# New vs. Historical Immunizations (2 of 2)

### **New Immunization Entry**

 Doses from inventory managed by an organization in the NCIR

### **Historical Immunization**

 Immunizations entered into NCIR, but not using an organization's current inventory (such as when recording an out-of-state record)





# Adding and Editing New Immunizations

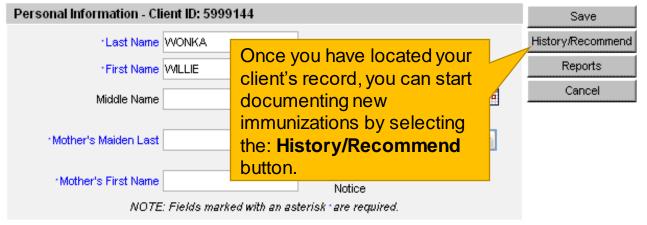


# **Steps for Adding New Immunizations**



### **Step 1 of 4: Navigate to Client Record**

- Locate client record.
- 2. Select **History/Recommend.**



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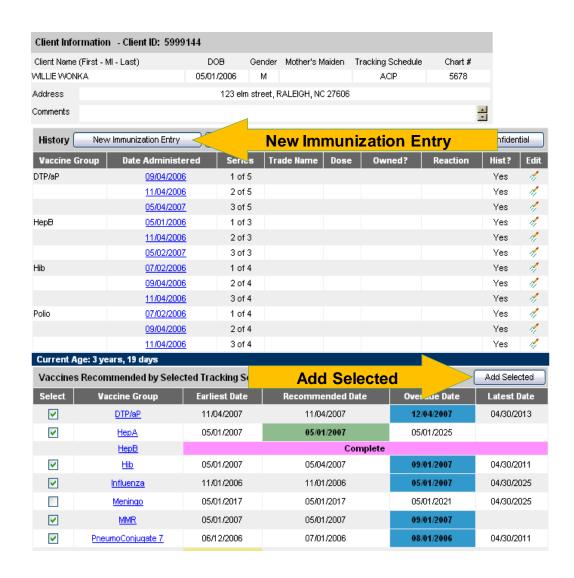
### **Step 2 of 4: Choose Method of Entering Immunization**

There are 2 ways to enter a live immunization from inventory.

### 1. New Immunization Entry

#### 2. Add Selected

Both options will take you to the same entry screen. However, you must select the vaccines that you would like to document manually when **New**Immunization is clicked. Add Selected will add the selected immunizations (via the green check marks) automatically for you.



#### **Audience**

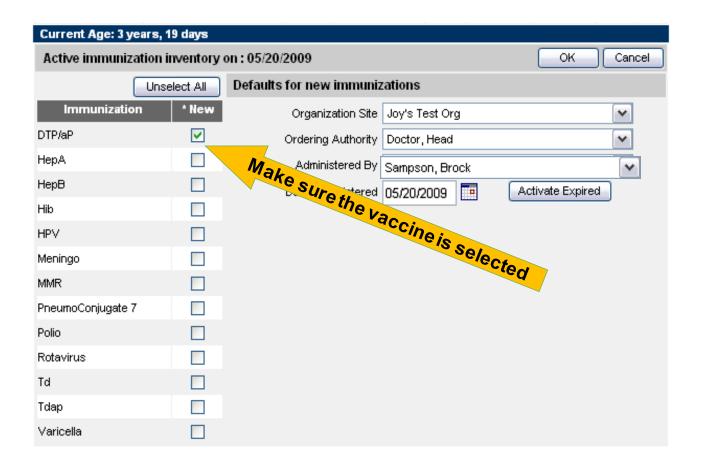
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### **Step 3 of 4: Enter Live Immunization Details**

- 1. Choose your organization in the **Organization Site** drop down box
- 2. Choose your **Ordering Authority**
- Choose who administered the shot

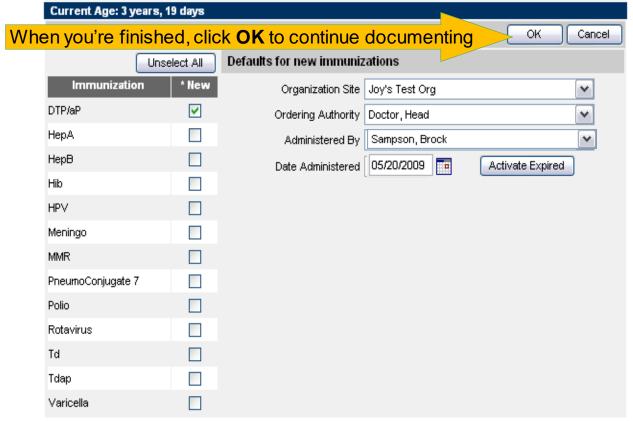






# **Step 3 of 4: Enter Live Immunization Details (cont.)**

- 4. Choose the date the shot was administered either by typing in the date or clicking on the calendar. (Note: you can leave the date administered box empty and it will default to the current date)
- 5. When you click on the calendar it will pop up and default to the current day. Click **OK**.
- When you're finished click OK.

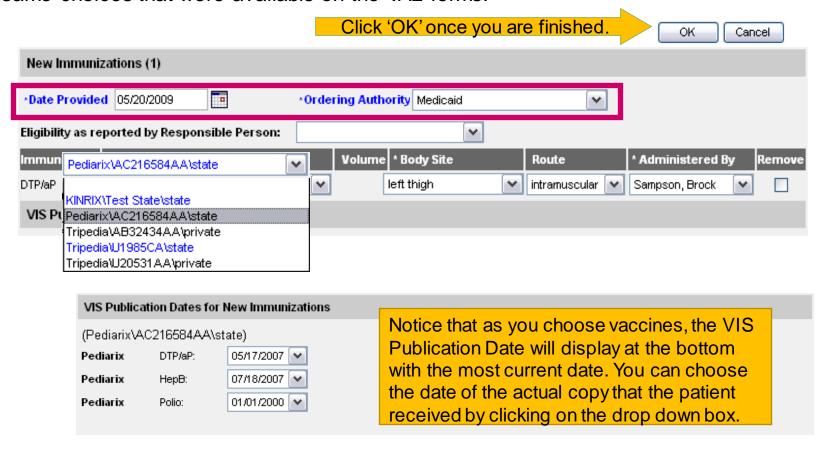






# Step 3 of 4: Enter Live Immunization Details (cont.)

You must first verify the patient's Eligibility by selecting from the drop down box. You will not be able to progress past this screen without completing this step. The choices in the drop down box are the same choices that were available on the VAL forms.

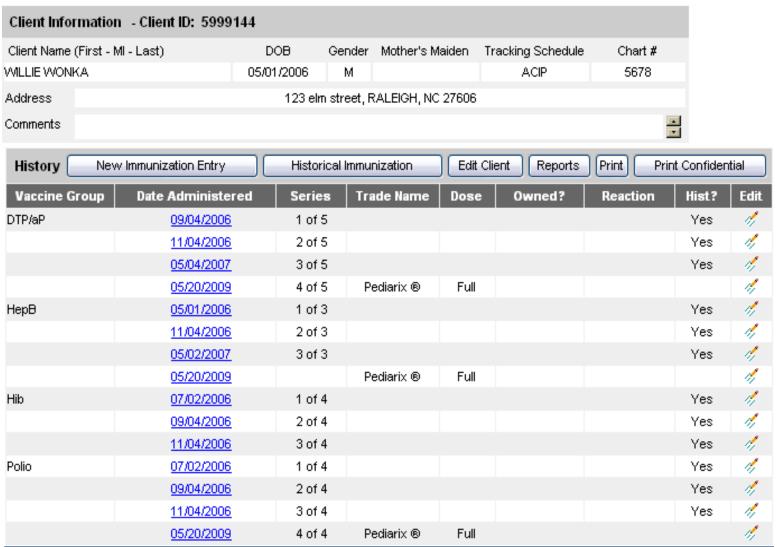






### **Step 4 of 4: Review Submissions**

The shots that you have entered will appear under the **History** section on the **History/Recommend** screen.









# **Questions?**

### **Contact your Regional Immunization Program Consultant (RIC)**

The RIC Coverage Map with contact information is located on the Immunization Branch website: <a href="https://www.immunize.nc.gov/contacts.htm">https://www.immunize.nc.gov/contacts.htm</a>

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